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28 September 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee (AHC)

SUBJECT: Use of Code Words on Middle East Material

1. At the last Ad Hoc Requirements Committee (AHC) meeting on 19 September, you will recall that a question was raised regarding the use of the code word [REDACTED] on Middle East material, and it was obvious that there was some confusion with regard to this material. I undertook to explore the matter and to inform each of you what the understanding should be. Accordingly, I have discussed this matter with NSA and with the Air Force representative, inasmuch as it is in the latter's establishment that the field exploitation is being undertaken. In the immediately following paragraph, I am reporting the facts regarding the labeling in Washington, and in paragraph 3. below, I have set forth the understanding on the use of the word [REDACTED] with which the Air Force representative concurs.

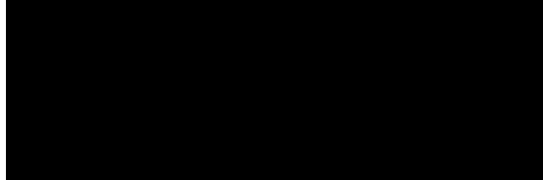
2. Missions 1104, 1105, 1106 and 1107, pertaining to the mainland, and 1108 and 1109, over the islands, were sent to or were en route to [REDACTED] before the decision had been made to accomplish processing in the field. These photographic materials all bear the marking TOP SECRET TALENT. Plots (OI and NSA) of 1104 through 1107 which have been disseminated in Washington bear the marking TOP SECRET TALENT. Only OI plots on 1108 and 1109 have been disseminated outside of NSA (PARAMOUNT), a single copy to OSI for use in the PARAMOUNT exercise. This is likewise true for 1110, 1111, 1112 and 1301. These plots all bear the marking TOP SECRET, HANDLE VIA TALENT CONTROL SYSTEM. Missions 1110, 1111, 1112 and 1301 are being processed in the field and are classified as TOP SECRET, HANDLE WITHIN THE TALENT CONTROL SYSTEM.

3. Code word [REDACTED] will be used only in the field. It will be applied only to prints and reports prepared in the field; negatives and duplicate positives will not be so marked. However, raw materials will be handled in the theater within the TALENT Center

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and TALENT system. At Headquarters the Middle East materials labeled TALENT will be handled in TALENT system. Those raw materials received from the theater labeled only TOP SECRET, HANDLE WITH THE TALENT SYSTEM, will be handled in that manner. Prints and reports will be handled similarly.



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